

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

NC Research Campus
UNC Building
500 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081

Members:

Joe Wilson	City of Concord
Reid Walters	Town of Spencer
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Reuben Crummy	NCDOT-TPB
Scott Cole	NCDOT-Div 10
Diane Hampton	NCDOT-Div 9
Chris Stiller	Town of Rockwell
Ed Muire	Rowan County, Town of Cleveland
Doug Paris	Town of Midland
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Kelly Sifford	Cabarrus Co.
Bob Bushey	Cabarrus County

Call to Order

TCC Chairman Doug Paris called the August 16, 2017 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order. Chairman Paris called the roll of eligible TCC members. After the roll was called, Chairman Paris determined a quorum had been met. Chairman Paris then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With no additions or corrections being heard, Chairman Paris continued by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard, Chairman Paris moved on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Paris called TCC members' attention to the June 21, 2017 meeting minutes included in their meeting packets. With no corrections or additions being heard, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

FY 2018-2022 TIP Conformity and MTP Amendments

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that CRMPO staff and the Metrolina Regional Partners have been working on an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2018-2022 TIP. Phil explained that the TIP Conformity Report demonstrates that the financially constrained MTP's in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. He went on to say that the report also certifies that the Transportation Improvement Program is a subset of the 2040 MTP and the Conformity Report is consistent with the State

Implementation Plan (SIP). Phil reported that the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report is a federal process to approve the TIP and that the report is on the CRMPO website.

Phil then called members' attention to Attachment 3, an excerpt from the TIP Conformity Report included in their packets. Phil reviewed the information in the excerpt with the members. He explained that due to the acceleration of several projects in the CRMPO area using state transportation funds, the Cabarrus Rowan MPO is required to amend their MTP to reflect the new schedules for these projects. Phil closed in saying that the public comment period for these amendments and the Conformity Report ended on August 9, 2017 and no comments were received.

With no more discussion or any questions, Mr. Chris Stiller made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider adopting the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination for the 2018-2022 TIP. Mrs. Diane Hampton seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

2045 MTP Projects List

Phil reported that since the release of the *DRAFT* 2018-2027 TIP, CRMPO staff has been working on a draft revenue forecast for the 2045 Transportation Plan. This forecast Phil explained, is based on the tier system included in the Strategic Mobility Formula and statewide forecast methodology developed by NCDOT for regional and division tier allocations.

Phil called members' attention to Attachment 4 included in their packets. Attachment 4 consisted of three spreadsheets the first showing the projects in the 2016-2025 Horizon Years, which Phil reviewed for the members. Spreadsheets two and three listed the projects in the 2026-2035 Horizon Years and the 2036-2045 Horizon Years respectively. The spreadsheets were all broken down by division, tier, TIP#, project name, start and end of projects, existing project and future project, description of the project, and estimated cost of the projects.

After all review was complete, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the 2045 Projects List. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2017-18 UPWP Amendment #1

Phil explained that the Transit providers within the Cabarrus Rowan MPO area are looking for some technical assistance to improve their respective route planning and hopefully provide better demographic data for their areas. This data Phil went on to say, would also be useful for environmental justice outreach and other planning initiatives in the Cabarrus Rowan MPO.

After some research on available software, one software company that could provide this type of data is Remix. Phil called members' attention to information included in their packets on the Remix software. The information included an analysis of planning priorities and potential impact by investing in Remix as well as their proposal, pricing, and agreement. Per this proposed agreement, the MPO would be the owner of the software and each CRMPO member would have access to the data. The cost for the first year would be \$12,000 and could be paid for with PL

104 grant funds. Subsequent years would be \$10,000 annually. Phil reported to the TCC members that each jurisdiction would be responsible for their portion of the local match. A local match spreadsheet was also included in their packets so each jurisdiction could see their cost for the local match.

After review of all of the information, Phil called members' attention to Attachment 5 a Draft Resolution to amend the UPWP and increase the line item II-A-1 for "Networks and Support Systems". With little discussion, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider adopting amendment #1 to the 2017-2018 UPWP to allow for the purchase of the Remix software. Mr. Joe Wilson seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – NCDOT Division 9 representative Mrs. Diane Hampton updated members on projects included in the Cabarrus Rowan Urban Area MPO Transportation Update report included in their packets. Diane called attention to projects U-5608, U-5738, U-5901, U-6062 and Y-55001A and reviewed them with the members. She also called attention to projects associated with the widening of I-85 and the affected interchanges.

Mr. Scott Cole, representative for Division 10 reviewed with member's updates on projects underway in Division 10 included on the Cabarrus Rowan MPO Division 10 Transportation Update. Scott called attention to ongoing I-85 projects as well as the bridge closing on Brantley Road in Kannapolis.

SPOT 5.0 Presentation- NCDOT – Mrs. Diane Hampton from Division 9 provided a Power Point presentation on the NCDOT STI Prioritization and Programming Process. Diane explained the process for how the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) identifies funding sources and scheduling of projects as well as what type of projects are considered. She reviewed and explained how STI works and what the criteria is for determining what projects get funded and completed. Her presentation provided scoring information and schedules for when projects are submitted and the scoring process is complete. In closing, Diane provided members with a handout of the presentation.

New MPO Website Update – Phil reported it appears the few issues that arose when the new website went live have been resolved and Phil pulled up the website for members to view on an overhead screen.

DRAFT Public Participation Policy - Phil reported that the CRMPO approved releasing the Draft Public Participation Policy for public comment at their June 2017 meeting. The public comment period will end on August 24, 2017.

2015 Ozone NAAQS Designations Delay- Phil reported that the federal government has delayed the non-attainment designation by one year.

Informational Items

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, and RIDER Transit Ridership Information – Phil

referenced the ridership information included in the member packets.

- Next scheduled meeting September 20, 2017.

Adjournment

TCC Chairman Paris asked if there was any other business to discuss. With no other business to be considered, Mr. Wilmer Melton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Susie Morris seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.